

House File 252 - Introduced

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BY FORBES

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to improved transitions from hospital discharge
2 to a nursing facility.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135C.14, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Requirements for readmissions of
4 residents to a nursing facility following an inpatient hospital
5 stay. The rules shall require that if a resident is discharged
6 from a nursing facility for an inpatient hospital stay, upon
7 return to the nursing facility, the nursing facility staff
8 shall do all of the following:

9 a. Obtain signed copies of the hospital history and physical
10 discharge summary, which may consist of the hospital transfer
11 summary, and verify the content of the summary with the
12 discharging hospital.

13 b. Contact the resident's attending physician to review and
14 reconcile the resident's hospital orders with the resident's
15 previous orders including those relating to medications,
16 therapy, and dietary needs and requirements. Following such
17 review, the resident's attending physician shall sign and
18 authorize current physician orders for the resident and the
19 nursing facility shall administer the orders as directed.

20 c. Include a descriptive assessment of the resident's
21 condition in the resident's clinical record.

22 d. Include any changes in diagnoses in the resident's
23 clinical record.

24 e. Complete a new resident assessment instrument.
25 Additionally, if the evaluation of the resident indicates a
26 significant change which appears to be permanent, the nursing
27 facility staff shall update the resident's comprehensive care
28 plan.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill directs the department of inspections and appeals
33 to adopt rules for nursing facilities relating to requirements
34 for readmission of residents to a nursing facility following
35 an inpatient hospital stay. The rules are to require that

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2 inpatient hospital stay, upon return to the nursing facility,
3 the nursing facility staff shall: obtain signed copies of
4 the hospital history and physical discharge summary, which
5 may consist of the hospital transfer summary, and verify the
6 content of the summary with the discharging hospital; contact
7 the resident's attending physician to review and reconcile the
8 resident's hospital orders with the resident's previous orders
9 including those relating to medications, therapy, and dietary
10 needs and requirements; include a descriptive assessment of
11 the resident's condition in the resident's clinical record and
12 include any changes in diagnoses in such record; and complete
13 a new resident assessment instrument. Additionally, if the
14 evaluation of the resident indicates a significant change which
15 appears to be permanent, the nursing facility staff shall
16 update the resident's comprehensive care plan.